

Senate Joint Resolution No. 8

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 95

Senate Joint Resolution No. 8—Relative to the federal Enhancing Education Through Technology Act.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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This measure would request Congress and the President to fully restore federal Enhancing Education Through Technology Act funding to the amount originally authorized under the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

WHEREAS, All California school districts receiving funds from federal Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Act grants utilize those funds to close the achievement gap, enhance data systems to support accountability, and provide the training necessary for teachers to become highly qualified users of technology, in order to support pupil learning; and

WHEREAS, Federal EETT Act funds are the primary source of technology funds for school districts; and

WHEREAS, Professional development for teachers to effectively use technology and high-speed networks is well-documented and the need for that training is addressed with federal EETT Act funding; and

WHEREAS, Evaluations show that federal EETT Act fundings results in measurable improvements in teaching practice and pupil learning; and

WHEREAS, Access to software, Web courses, virtual learning, and other technology-based learning solutions that are aligned to standards strengthen basic skills and increase academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Federal EETT Act funding has increased access to, and the effective use of, technology by rural and underserved pupils; and

WHEREAS, The federal EETT Act has provided models for effective instructional practices with technology; and

WHEREAS, The federal EETT Act is increasing the use of technology to support, and align with, California content standards; and

WHEREAS, Federal EETT Act projects have consistently and significantly expanded and enriched learning opportunities for pupils; and

WHEREAS, Technology is critical in implementing major federal education programs, including the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature requests Congress and the President to fully restore federal Enhancing Education Through Technology Act funding to the amount originally authorized under the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.